SL No.	State	Major Project		Medium Project	
		Number	Balance amount Rs. crore	Number	Balance amount Rs. crore
14.	Madhya Pradesh	18	10941.35	6	176.23
15.	Maharashtra	45	9741.52	86	1430.84
16.	Manipur	2	298.38	1	43.75
17.	Meghalaya	-	-	1	54.23
18.	Mizoram	-	-	-	-
19.	Nagaland	-	-	1	134.73
20.	Orissa	13	2640.56	10	445.09
21.	Punjab	2	1581.33	1	68.57
22.	Rajasthan	4	1861.12	4	21.58
23.	Sikkim	-	-	-	-
24.	Tamil Nadu	1	198.10	2	109.36
25.	Tripura	-	-	3	32.26
26.	Uttar Pradesh	9	4424.37	-	-
27.	Uttaranchal	3	1622.32	-	-
28.	West Bengal	2	860.03	9	233.36
	TOTAL:	170	64791.60	230	5409.03

Total amount Rs. 70,200.63 crore say Rs. 70,200 crore

Criticism off river linking project

1530. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the widespread criticism prevalent in the country that the proposed river linking project is designed to benefit a few States at the cost of the others;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government have elicited/proposed to elicit the viewpoints of the different State Governments in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of the divergent views expressed by the basin States about the water balance and feasibility studies done by National Water Development Agency (NWDA) on the various link proposals. To overcome the apprehension of the States, the Union Government has set-up a Task Force in December 2002 with a view to bring about a consensus among the States and provide guidance on norms of appraisal of individual projects and modalities for project funding, etc., for implementing the interlinking of rivers.

(c) The studies of NWDA are circulated to the concerned States inviting their view points. The views of States along with clarifications of NWDA are discussed in the meetings of Technical Advisory committee, Government Body & NWDA Society held from time to time, in which States are represented.

Watershed development projects

1531. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any plan to develop 62 lakh hectares of wasteland/degraded lands of the country under new watershed development projects;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan and the details of progress made so far;

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the manner in which the States are likely to be benefited as on date particularly the State of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) Watershed Development Projects for the treatment of the wasteland/ degraded lands in the country are sanctioned by the Ministry of Rural Development under Area Development Programmes namely the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desart Development